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Dear Zoning Board of Appeals:

I am expressing I do not approve of the special exception. I feel the applicant's request to have approximately up to 25 deliveries a week (5 days a week 5 customers a day) in a residential zone, to not be in keeping with what is appropriate, and no need to make an exception. The Town Council meeting of June 11, 2019 [Re: An Ordinance Permitting Cottage Food Operations In Residence Districts] does express that the intent of a Cottage Food Operation is to not have customers coming to the home to pick up the items, that the kitchen operator will deliver to them; however does allow to apply for a special exception, which is happening here.

My concerns are twofold:

1. **Value.** The erosion of residential housing being combined with commercial uses, the more that exceptions are made that changes the intent, safety and value of the residential zone, the less it is strictly residential by any means. Once you start opening up "Pandora's Box," you can have all kinds of requests for home businesses being able to have customers come to pick up things. The more you make exceptions that trend towards lax zoning, the more the value of residential properties will be negatively impacted.

2. **Safety.** Many people, especially children, will be out and about, and I do not see that having this many additional vehicles, who do not reside on the street, going there is safe. The kitchen operator can make the deliveries outbound to the customers, as the home-based food operator will already be familiar with the neighborhood, and knows generally who to watch out for walking - mom & dads, grandmothers, dogs, children, bicycling, etc. Pedestrian injuries and fatalities are real, and this is why people like to live in strictly residential areas, where you do not have supplies being delivered, or customers picking up orders.

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